I WON'T 'CAUSE IT'S DANGER-OUS.
BECAUSE YOU'RE RESPON-SIBLE!!
GIN-NII, PUSH A LITTLE HARDER !!

NO WAY!!
WE'RE GOING HOME~
MEGU MI~!!

In her childish mind,

she wondered...

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Neko-ane

CHAPTER 22 LEAVING HOME.

SCANLATION BY RPAPO

WHAT THE?
Fruit & Vegetable Store
BANK-MOTO
WHAT, WHAT THE?
MOTH-ER!!
Hm?
HUH ~?
AREN'T THERE ANY SNACKS?
THERE AREN'T?
EH?
YOU PROBABLY ATE YESTER-DAY'S AND TODAY'S PORTION.
SO THERE'S NONE LEFT.
HEY ..

AW MAN!! THERE'S HARDLY ANY-THING!!
I SUPPOSE IT'S YOUR OWN FAULT, BUT...
GIMME SOME-THING, MOTHER ~!!
SUCH AN IMPATIENT KID...
THAT WAS EASY.
...A SNACK ?
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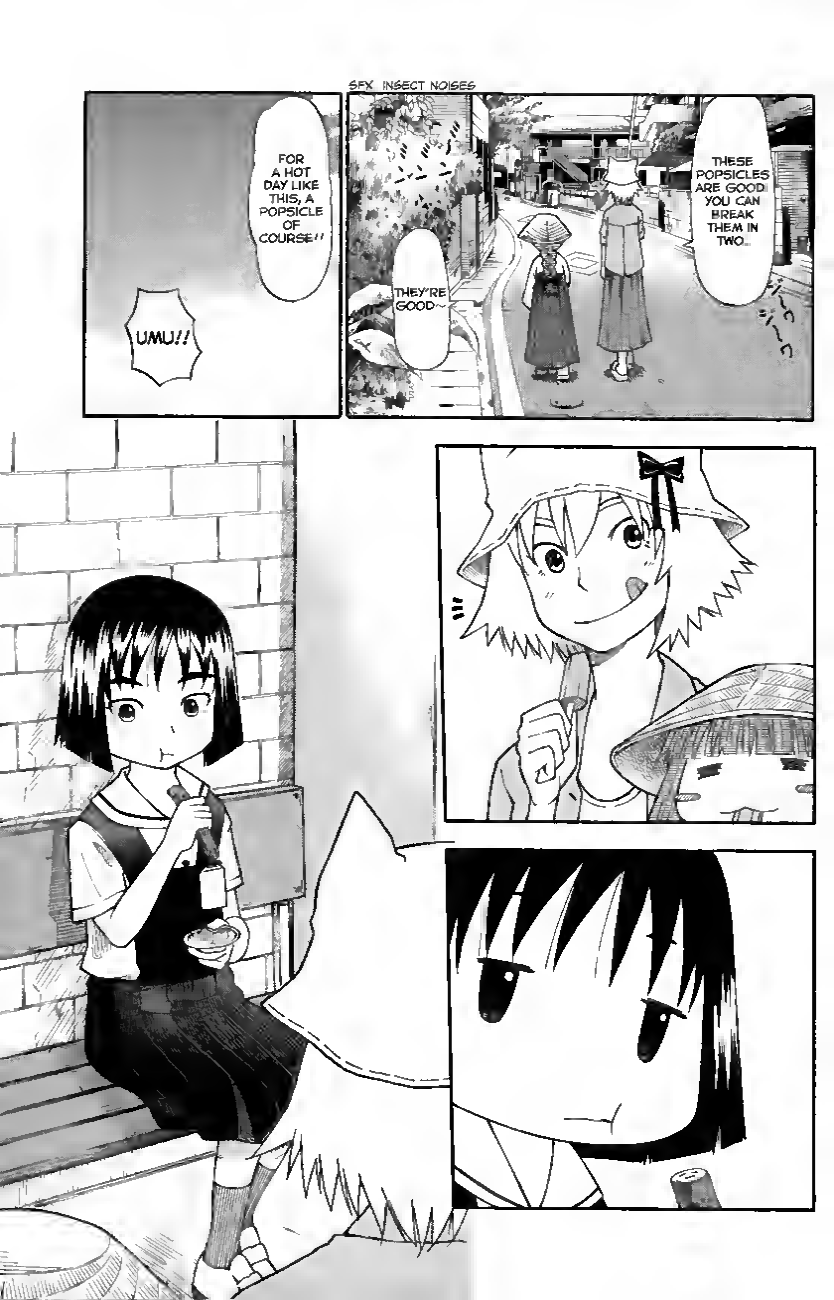
A SNACK.
WHERE'S MY TIP?

WAAAAH!!
I'M LEAVING HOME!!
COME BACK BEFORE IT GETS DARK~
SIXLI HOLDING
tear


SFX: INSECT NOISES
FOR A HOT DAY LIKE THIS, A POPSICLE OF COURSE!!
UMU!!
THESE POPSICLES ARE GOOD! YOU CAN BREAK THEM IN TWO...
THEY'RE GOOD~

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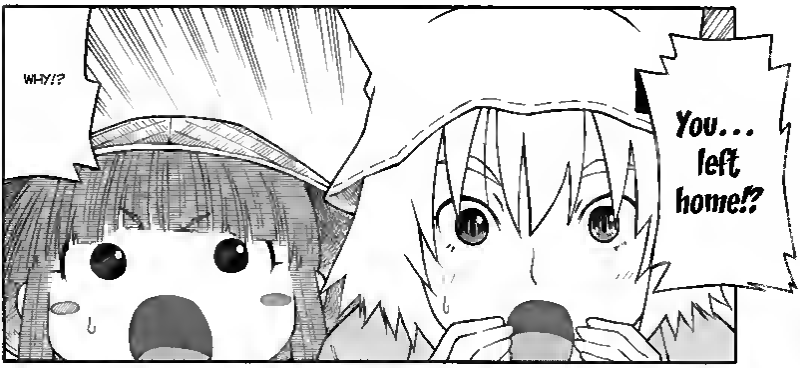
A CU-CUM-BER?
It's quite good if you add miso
...YEP.


WHY!?
You... left home!?

EH? BU.. BUT
SHOULDN'T YOU BE GOING HOME?
YES.
SHE GAVE ME A CUCUMBER AS MY SNACK, SO I LEFT HOME AND I'M NOT GOING BACK!
Ugh...
IS... THAT SO?
YOU'LL WORRY YOUR FAMILY!!

I HATE IT!!
I WON'T GO BACK!!
Rumble rumble
SFX: THE HISS OF FALLING RAIN
WHY... DON'T WE HEAD BACK?
I... I HATE THEM.

SFX: OPEN
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WE'RE HOME
SFX: THE HISS OF FALLING RAIN
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IS THAT SO? I'M GLAD.
YUP
NO SHOES. IT LOOKS LIKE GIN-CHAN ISN'T BACK YET.
Tsuk-kon!
IF GIN-O-NII-SAN SPOTTED ME RUNNING AWAY FROM HOME,
HE WOULD HAVE NO MERCY. HE'D GO CALL MOTHER.
YOU... THINK SO?

WELL THEN, I'LL GO GET YOU A TOWEL!!
THANK YOU.
EXCUSE US
I got drooled in an instant
!
NICE TO MEET YOU!!
I'M A FRIEND OF ANZU.
MY NAME'S CHUU-TAROU!!
HELLO.
MY NAME IS HASHIMOTO MEGUMI!!

SHE'S SO SMALL. ♡
Fufu.
Fufu.
SHOULDN'T ONE OF O-NEE-SAN'S FRIENDS BE OLDER THAN ME..?
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PING!!
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RATS!! I HAVE THE FEELING I'VE GOT TO HIDE!!
It came to me in a flash!!
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SFX: SLIDE OPEN
I'M HOME ～
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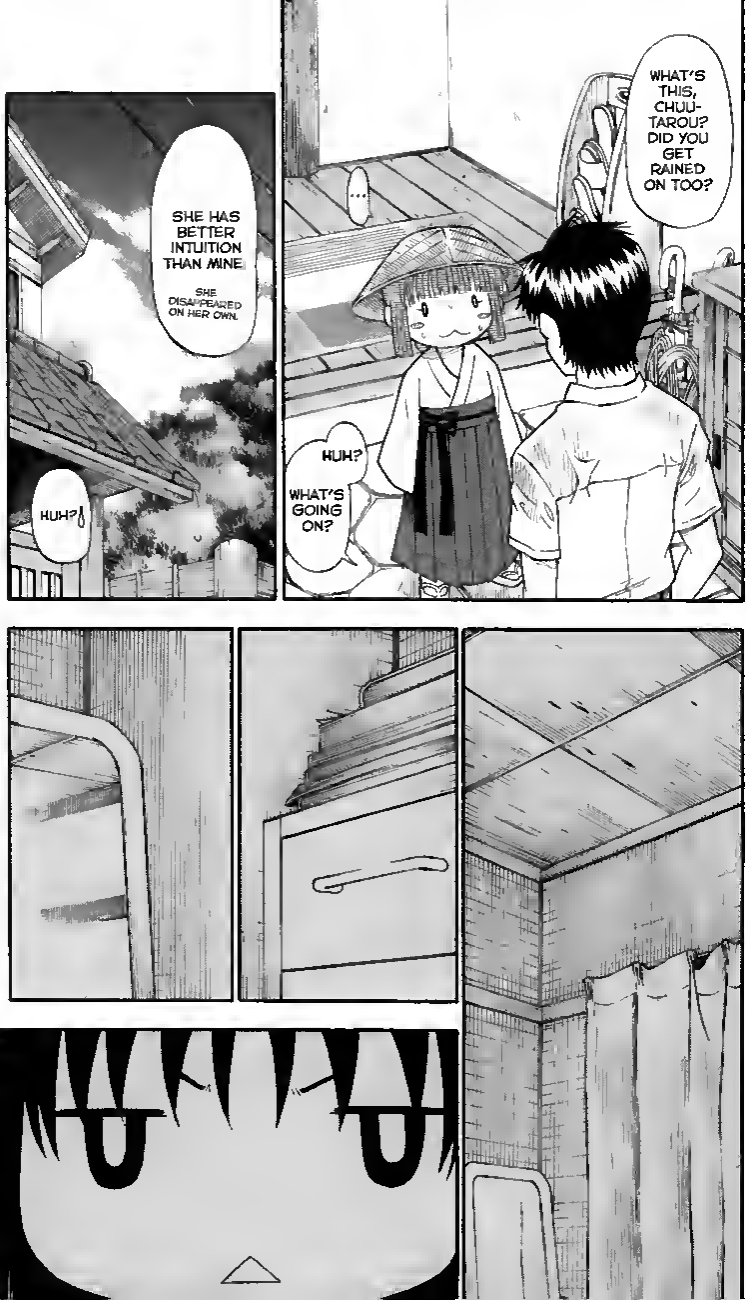
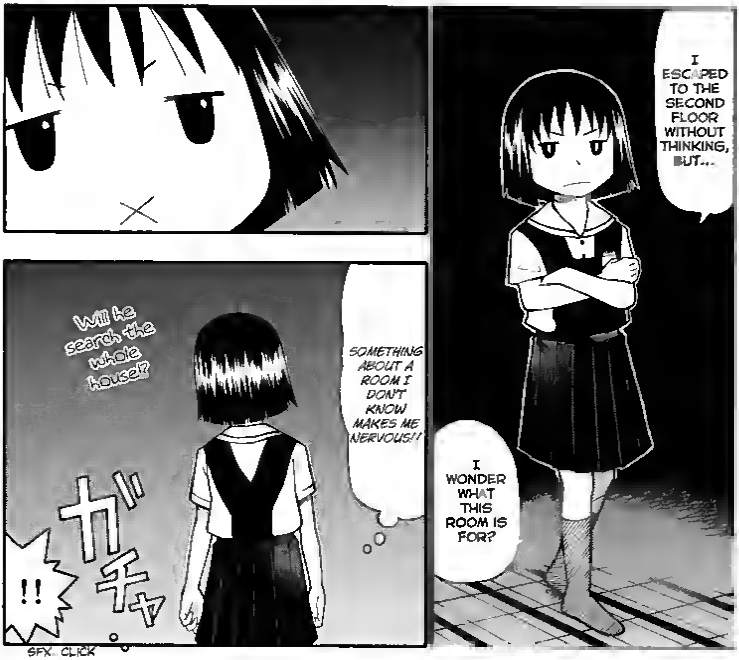
Jeez, it suddenly started falling like crazy.
HUH?


SHE HAS BETTER INTUITION THAN MINE.
SHE DISAPPEARED ON HER OWN.
HUH?
WHAT'S THIS, CHUU-TAROU? DID YOU GET RAINED ON TOO?
...
HUH?
WHAT'S GOING ON?


I ESCAPED TO THE SECOND FLOOR WITHOUT THINKING, BUT...
I WONDER WHAT THIS ROOM IS FOR?
SOMETHING ABOUT A ROOM I DON'T KNOW MAKES ME NERVOUS!!
Will he search the whole house!?
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SFX: CLICK

AH, HERE YOU ARE, MEGUMI-CHAN.
I BROUGHT YOU A TOWEL, OKAY?
AH... THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
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DADUMP DADUMP

NOW, NOW.
I'VE GOT THE STRENGTH TO DRY GIN-CHAN'S HEAD, YOU KNOW?
BECAUSE I'M A REAL BIG SISTER!!
EH?
I... I CAN DRY MYSELF ...
SFX: FLUMP
OOF!
SHE MUST REALLY SPOIL GIN-O-NII-SAN AT HOME..
That must be some-thing to see.
UMM ...
WHY DO YOU WEAR A HAT IN THE HOUSE?
EH!?

EH, ERR...
THA-THA-THA-THAT'S...
IT LOOKS LIKE I ASKED SOMETHING I SHOULDN'T HAVE
Umm on to a different topic!
...THIS ROOM, WHAT IS IT FOR?
I WONDER IF IT WAS A ROOM GIN-CHAN'S MOTHER USED LONG AGO?
ONCE AGAIN AN AWKWARD TOPIC!!
SFX: PEFF
PHEW...
AH!! YES, IT'S UMM~
...I'M SORRY.
?
HUH? WHAT FOR?

Long ago...
Wasn't o-nii-chan about the age I am now
when he came to this town?

I remember
how it was that
o-nii-chan went back home alone.
wondering in my childish heart

WELL, I'LL GO PUT AWAY THE TOWEL, OKAY?
YES, HERE YOU GO.
Creak...
?
WHAT'RE YOU DOING IN THAT ROOM?
EH?
UMM, CLEANING...
OH? THANKS.
Why are you wearing your hat?
O HO HO...

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SFX: FOOTSTEPS
EHEHE, A LITTLE MIS-TAKE...
IT CAN'T BE HELPED...
YOU AREN'T USING A TOWEL AS A DUST-CLOTH, ARE YOU?
THANKS FOR THE CLEAN-ING, THOUGH.

AH...
I'D DO THIS EVEN FOR THAT LITTLE ONE~
THERE WAS SOME GERMAN LOG CAKE!!
ANZU ~!!

SFX: PULL
WHAT'S GOING ON? WHAT'RE YOU HIDING IN HERE!?
WHAT'S THIS 'LITTLE ONE'?
A DOG? A CAT? OR EVEN A MOUSE!?
WE'RE NOT HIDING ANY-THING!!
LITTLE BROTHER!! YOU ARE INSIDE THE HOUSE!!
SFX: STRUGGLE
Little one?
SFX: REVEAL

WHAT, ISN'T THERE ANY-THING HERE?
EVEN THE STORM SHUTTERS ARE OPEN.
NEE CHAN
Megumi-chan...

!
I'M NOT FEELING THE SAME AS WHEN I LEFT THE HOUSE...
HMM~
Hmph

....
YEAH
SFX: SWISH, SWISH (CRASHING THROUGH VEGETATION)
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I'M NOT FEELING PARTICULARLY NOSTALGIC.
AND I RODE THIS EVERY DAY!!
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SFX: O!
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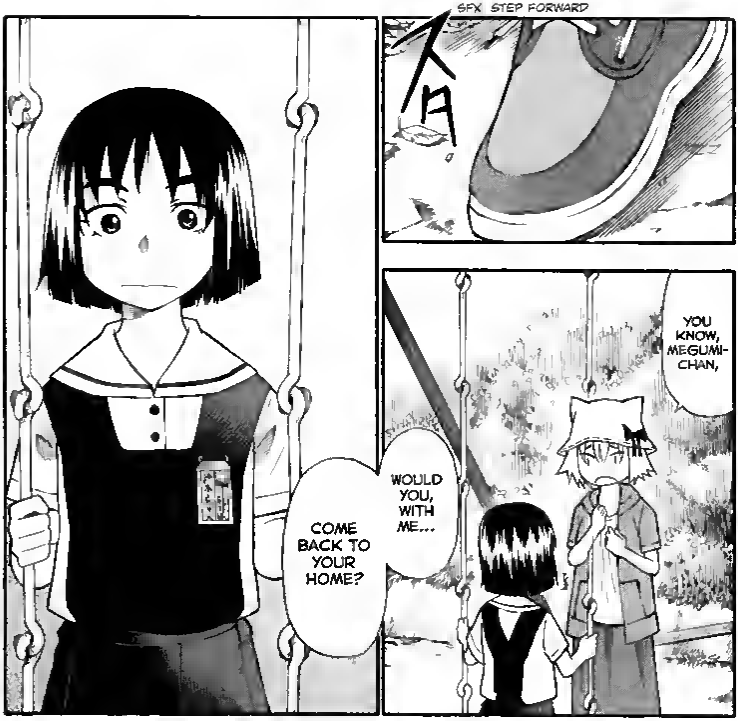
HUH...

AH...
ANZU O-NEE-SAN..
Please invite me!
COULD WE DO SOME-THING THAT LOOKS LIKE FUN!?
EH?
AH... FOR-GIVE ME,
BUT I'M GLAD YOU'RE FEELING BETTER!!
I GOT WORRIED WHEN YOU SUDDENLY DISAPPEAR-ED!!


SFX: STEP FORWARD
YOU KNOW, MEGUMI-CHAN,
WOULD YOU, WITH ME...
COME BACK TO YOUR HOME?

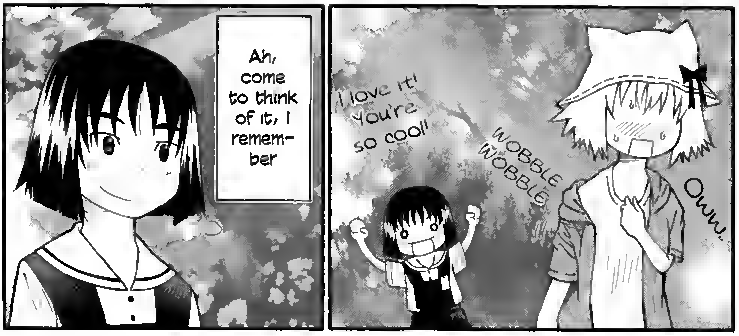
SFX: JINGLE
LONG AGO,
WHEN O-NII-SAN WAS STILL SMALL,
HE BROUGHT ME WITH HIM TO THIS PARK TO PLAY.

MY MOTHER CAME TO MEET ME
AND I WOULD BE WITH HER.
O-NII-SAN WOULD RETURN
TO HIS HOME BY HIM-SELF.
THAT...
SEEMED TO ME A LITTLE SAD.
I AM GLAD THAT NOW,
NII-SAN HAS MANAGED TO GET HIMSELF A NICE OLDER SISTER!!

I CAN'T HELP BUT RETURN TO MY HOUSE!!
WELL THEN
See you later!
AH...
MEGUMI-CHAN!!
Umm...
?

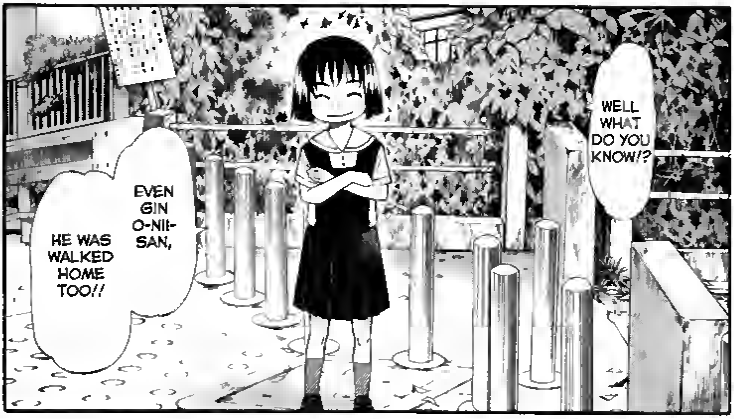
ERR...
THANK YOU FOR HAVING WORRIED ABOUT GIN-CHAN.
BUT YOU KNOW,
FOR YOU THERE WAS YOUR MOTHER.
BUT FOR GIN-CHAN,
WASN'T IT I THAT WENT OUT TO MEET HIM?

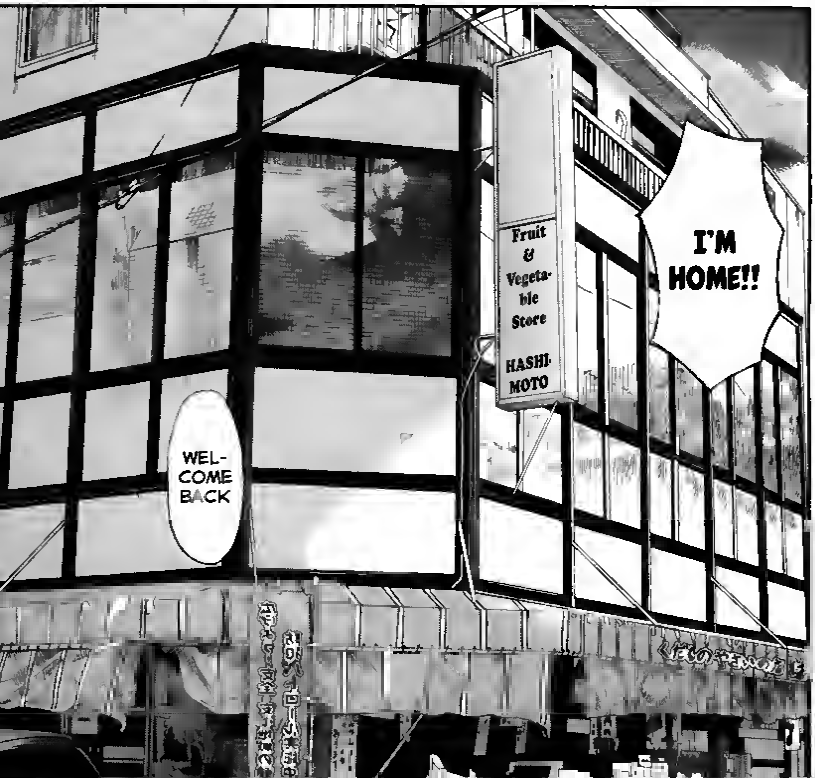
THOUGH THEN,
WASN'T IT AS ANZU THE CAT?
AH, NEED I SAY MORE ABOUT THIS?
GIN-CHAN IS REALLY SCARED, SO.
HM?
AWE-SOME!!
AWE-SOME!! SUPER AWE-SOME!!
You sore tail?
AH... HEY... STOP THAT MEGUMI-CHAN, TAKE IT EASY...
WNYAAAAA
EH? IS THAT... SO?


Ah, come to think of it, I remember
I love it! You're so cool!
WOBBLE WOBBLE
Ouuu.

Right there next to Gin o-nii-san...
When he walked home alone,

always
A cat
walked with him.


WELL WHAT DO YOU KNOW!?
EVEN GIN O-NII-SAN,
HE WAS WALKED HOME TOO!!


I'M HOME!!
Fruit & Vegetable Store
HASHIMOTO
WELCOME BACK

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Neko-ane